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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOC RESPONSE TO DRAFT US NOTE ON
BILATERAL AGREEMENT EXTENSION

REF: A) PRAGUE 1025, B) STATE 092820

1. REFTELS CROSSED. CONTENTS REF A HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED
WITH PAN AM.
2. CONCERNING ZEMLA'S COMMENTS (REF A), DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS
TWO-YEAR QUOTA AS AGREED BY AIRLINES (POINT A). WE HAVE
NO OBJECTION TO PROVIDING ORAL ASSURANCES THAT TWO-YEAR
SALES QUOTA WOULD BE REVIEWED IN CASE OF SUBSTANTIAL
CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES (POINT B), BUT EMBASSY SHOULD
MAKE CLEAR THAT PAN AM ONCE WEEKLY SERVICE IS NOT SUB-
STANTIAL CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES. NOTE: KEY TO ANY SUCH
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ORAL ASSURANCE WOULD BE USG COMMITMENT TO "AGREE TO
DISCUSS" FUTURE SITUATION BUT NOT AGREEMENT THAT CHANGE
IN QUOTA SHOULD BE MADE IF FUTURE SITUATION IS NOT SAME
AS PRESENT. RE POINT C, DEPARTMENT AND PAN AM REGARD
DAMASCUS AS A RELATIVELY MINOR POINT AND ARE UNCERTAIN
WHY CZECHS SHOULD BALK AT APPROVING IT AFTER AGREEING TO
ADDITION OF COPENHAGEN IN 1974 WITHOUT PROTEST. HOWEVER,

USG IS WILLING TO AGREE TO LIMIT USE OF BEYOND POINTS IF

SYRIA CAN BE ADDED WITHOUT SUBSTITUTION FOR EXISTING POINT. AT PRESENT, AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT ONLY FOUR OF SIX POINTS BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND INDIA CAN BE USED. WE PROPOSE THAT ONLY THREE OF SEVEN POINTS INCLUDING SYRIA BE AVAILABLE TO PAN AM IN FUTURE.

3. REGARDING TRAFFIC RIGHTS ON THE PRAGUE-DAMASCUS SECTOR, WE UNDERSTAND THAT PAN AM ALREADY HAS OBTAINED AN OPERATING PERMIT WHICH INCLUDES PRAGUE-DAMASCUS WITHOUT TRAFFIC RIGHTS. HOWEVER, SINCE EXTENSION IS RATHER STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND US DRAFT NOTE HAS BEEN IN GOC HANDS FOR NEARLY EIGHT WEEKS ALREADY, USG TRUSTS GOC WOULD CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS FOR TRAFFIC RIGHTS ON THIS SECTOR PENDING FORMAL EXTENSION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT IS UNFAIR FOR CZECHS TO WITHHOLD TRAFFIC RIGHTS WHICH HAVE CLEARLY MINOR IMPACT ON CSA.

4. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT 60 DAY TERMINATION PROCEDURE FOR FAILURE TO MEET QUOTA IS APPROPRIATE AS EXPLAINED IN REF B. THIS AMENDMENT, IN OUR VIEW, DOES NOT INVOLVE MAJOR CHANGE IN BASIC AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT MFA FEELS FURTHER TWO OR THREE MONTHS MAY BE REQUIRED TO APPROVE THIS PROVISION AND URGE, IN LIGHT OF DELAY RESULTING FROM BOTH SIDES HANDLING OF THIS MATTER, THAT CZECH GOVERNMENT EXPEDITE ITS CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION.

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5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONVEY ABOVE TO CZECH GOVERNMENT ORALLY AND REQUEST THAT PROMPT RESPONSE BE FORTHCOMING WHICH WILL PERMIT LONG OVERDUE EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT.

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